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Internal Affairs

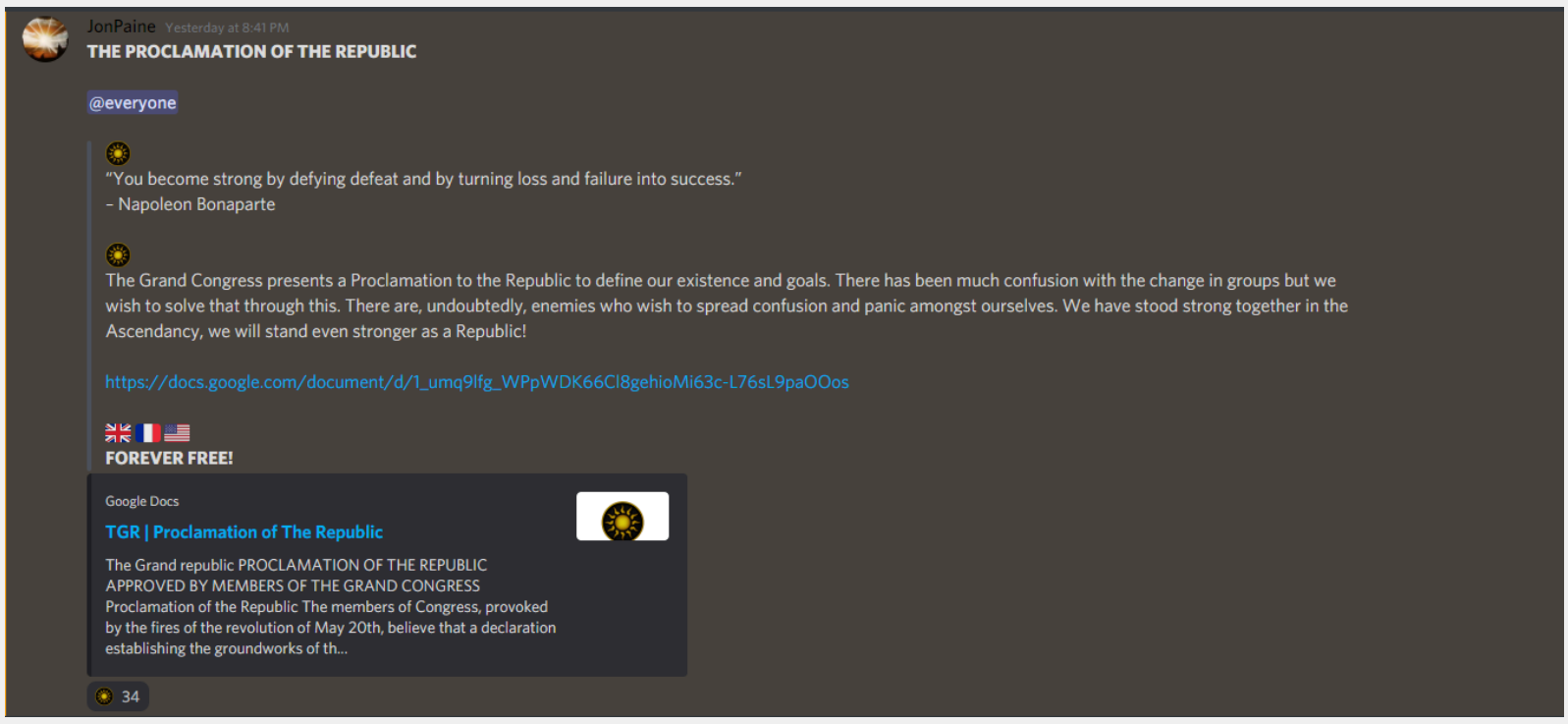
This team reports on news happening within the Republic. If you are interested, contact Supervisor tjrebell at tjrebell#7377.

World News

This team reports on foreign affairs and news in the greater WW2 Community. If interested, please contact Supervisor TaikooStandard at Swire#1982

New Proclamation of the Republic

Dissolution of the Allied Cause - New Republic - Foreign Affairs - Funding - Obligations



Writer: Internal Affairs Supervisor tjrebell

The members of the Grand Congress presented the public with "The Proclamation of the Republic" on May 31st. This is essentially the Republic's constitution. Its 5 sections establish just what the Grand Republic embodies in the WW2 Community. Summarized, the first section of the proclamation explains the dissolution of the "Allied Cause". Its points state that the Republic distances itself from NolanCulper's branding when it comes to dealing with axis groups. NolanCulper and The Congress have always fought against extremism, but Nolan sought to help various left-wing extremists, making him a hypocrite. Nolan's constant spending of group funds to annex small axis groups was not getting the group anywhere. Section 2 describes that The Republic and The Congress strive to build a friendly, non-toxic, healthy, and inclusive WW2 Allied community. Section 3 is about the changes in The Republic's foreign policy. The Republic sees no reason to be hostile against a group due to their aesthetic, instead opting to be friendly to more people in the community. The Republic seeks to eliminate extremist ideology on both the left and the right, claiming that community members could be influenced by these malicious ideas. The Congress believes that the individuals who contribute to the development and fun of the community should have a say on how The Republic is run. Our dedicated developers should get funding as a top priority. Uniform funding should always be given out to an individual who needs one. Section 5, the citizens obligations, says that we should allow others to follow their own beliefs and have their own liberties. Everyone in The Republic has a right to fraternity, dignity, strength, order, industry, moderation, intuition, integrity, frugality, and devotion. Let's hope this proclamation will bring The Grand Republic to prosperity.

IRF, 256k MEMBER SOVIET CLAN GROUP, RETURNS TO WW2

Writer: World News Supervisor TaikooCulper

The Immortal Robloxian Federation (IRF), a 265k Soviet group, has returned to the WW2 genre as the largest WW2 Soviet Union on ROBLOX. The group is known for its game, "Russian Simulator", a version of the popular video game 'Papers Please'. The owner and creator of IRF, Vasiliyev, has been on Roblox since 2009 (originally as IamPieMan689) and was also the creator of RSSR (Robloxian Soviet Socialist Republic).

IRF was originally founded as a WW2 group and for a long time was named the 'Imperial Robloxian Federation'. However, in late 2018, IRF, USM and Canada allied with each other to fight against Lavo's Imperial Confederation of the Rhine (Kerovech's 1st Rhine). Following this, IRF left the WW2 community and became more engrossed in clan group affairs. In November 2019 IRF changed the I in their name to Immortal from Imperial.

IRF announced that it would return to the WW2 community in February, and opened its WW2 training camp 'Sevastopol Military Academy' on the 28th May. Furthermore, in its WW2 maps the same clan guns used by IRF are still in circulation unlike other groups which normally use Nocol, Murnau FE, or Viethin.

The Federation is most likely going to fight Alemannia, as it is on their enemies page. More concerning, is that members of IRF's Presidium are also members of Alemannia, and many IRF people were formerly members of Alemannia's Universal Security Unit (USU). Additionally, USM and IRF have allied with each other, theorized to be a coalition against Alemannia. This mostly completes the small circle of large WW2 groups who will only wage war against each other (GAR, USM and IRF).

Internal Affairs

The Western Frontier Reopens to the Public

Writer: Supervisor tjrebell

Ever since NolanCulper took back control of The Grand Western Ascendancy, Ascendancy members couldn't access The Western Frontier. In the past week and a half, The Republic's citizens have been very eager for the day when they could come back to The Western Frontier and resume events. That all changed on the 30th of May, 2021, when The Grand Republic held an event like no other before. The Grand Congress reclaimed all the assets they had made and relaunched The Western Frontier. Around 40-45 Soldiers from the Marine corps, Airborne corps, and Military Police rallied at the town for the relaunch. Some changes were made to the game to fit the new Grand Republic, such as the Western Forces team renaming to "Republic Forces" and all the flags, banners, and propaganda of the Ascendancy were changed to their Republic counterparts. At the rally, Karolus gave a great speech discussing reforms to The Grand Republic. After that, most went out to the frontlines to kill opposition forces in celebration of the map relaunch. The relaunch of such a high-quality experience for training, events, and overall fun will definitely give The Republic a bright future. Eventually, the Republic's member count will surpass what the Ascendancy reached.

New Internal Affairs Supervisor

tjrebell

Writer: Director GuptaCulper

The previous Internal Affairs Supervisor, JohnwickCulper, retired this week, but is still remaining as an Internal Affairs specialist and is still keeping his rank as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Marine Corps. Taking the reins of Internal Affairs is now tjrebell, who was recommended by JohnwickCulper and confirmed by the Secretary of the DMC, ChromeVartorn. He has shown initiative and we hope he is able to produce more and higher quality content for the Internal Affairs section.

New Military Police Structure Changed

5e légion de gendarmerie «Algers»

CO FredCulper

XO TaikooCulper

6e légion de gendarmerie «Picardie»

CO KowethKenver

XO AlexanderDarmody

Writer: Supervisor tjrebell

This week, the Military Police Corps made new reforms in their organization. Before the revolution, the Military Police had only 1 unit, the 5th Military police Brigade "Ardennes". It has been retired in favor of 2 new units, called the "5e légion de gendarmerie «Algers»" and the "6e légion de gendarmerie «Picardie»". In the past, The Congress has discussed making the Military Police an Asian timezone centered Corps, due to the large number of people within an Asian time zone being in the Military Police. The 6e legion, led by Commanding Officer Col. KowethKenver and Executive Officer Lt. Col. AlexanderDarmody, will be Asian-timezone centered and primarily host events when it is daytime in East Asia and Australia. The 5e legion, led by Commanding Officer Col. FredCulper and Executive Officer Lt. Col. TaikooCulper, will be the main American and European Unit, hosting events during daytime in the Americas and Europe. These new reforms will be helpful in the Military Police for better organization, and gives everyone chances to attend events and rank up no matter their timezone.

World News

Foreign Affairs Interview With Consul Alexander

The new Consul of the Grand Republic, Consul_Alexander formerly known as Andrew, has bold plans for the foreign policy of The Republic. A reporter representing the The World News section has done an interview with the Consul himself regarding his proposals for our Republic's relations with other groups.

Reporter: First, could you sum up what the Republic's foreign affairs will be like?

Consul: The Grand Republic is committed to building a healthy, mature and fun WWII community. To that end, we want to encourage maximum activity in the genre. So a lot of our focus will be around bringing down barriers that have separated us from other groups. Our diplomatic isolation is over. In addition, we are abandoning the policy of annexation and reporting. On the latter, while we still do not tolerate neo-Nazis, Congress' view is that there is nothing to fear from, say, German reenactors. On the former, we see little point in annexing groups, especially those which are insignificant. Our policy is one where we wish to see our Grand Republic in more alliances, more friendly raids, more joint rallies, and so forth. That said, it isn't all hugs and kisses; the Grand Republic still remains vigilant and is still fervently anti-Nazi.

Reporter: How will the Republic establish alliances with other nations? Will this be through a case by case basis or will it be mandatory to join an organisation like the Allied Compact (now the ATO - Allied Treaty Organisation)?

Consul: At the moment, I envisage (and this may change) three classes of relationship. The Allied Treaty Organisation will be a collective agreement and organisation between several nations, with set common goals, activity, etc. Aside from that, The Grand Republic can engage in more personal 1-1 alliances, where the goals differ from the stated aims of ATO. And lastly, there is a special category of Sister Republic, where a nation adopts the revolutionary spirit and governance alongside The Grand Republic, and hence our organisations are pretty intertwined.
However, as stated, we will not act in any way that contravenes the stated or intended goals of the ATO. In that, we may have alliances outside the ATO, but none which act against the interests of the ATO.

Reporter: In regards to the ATO, how will it be led? Will it be led solely by The Republic or will the leadership position rotate between nations?

Consul: Under the previous agreement of the Compact, the Canadian delegation suggested Western Ascendancy leadership. However, our side, then and now, are open to a rotated leadership. Albeit, a point raised by both our side and Canada, is that the leadership should probably be retained with a set number or type of nation, given that some nations would be more effective for leadership than others.

Reporter: Would the ATO participate in joint rallies and raids against other Axis groups?

Consul: Yes.

Reporter: Will the ATO focus only on Axis groups in the European theatre or also fight against Japanese groups such as IJA.

Consul: Raid wise, "hostile raids" can be against any historic axis power, or derivative/inspired nation. Or indeed any authoritarian or totalitarian government. So yeah, we would be happy to also fight Japanese groups. Of course, alongside that will be "friendly raids", against virtually anyone who wishes to set something up.

Reporter: What will the Republic's relationship with groups such as IRF and Syntax's USM?

Consul: In the Western Ascendancy I was Foreign Minister, and I made several attempts to reach out to IRF and USM. We will continue to pursue those relationships. I doubt we will have anything like "allied" status any time soon (or even super friendly), but what I aspire for is cordial, decent and open relations.

Reporter: Would ATO membership be easy to acquire for other Allied groups or would there be a strict set of criteria in place?

Consul: ATO will have a set of stated aims. As long as a certain majority of ATO members agree, and that the nation abides by ATO's stated aims, then membership wouldn't be a problem. But I don't imagine that criteria will be super-strict.

Reporter: In the months ahead, would you consider Canada as the Republic's most important ally?

Consul: Canada are good folks. At the moment they're our only ally. They've been really friendly, welcoming and easy to communicate with. It's been a good time with them. I think in the coming months, we may ally with nations that are more politically aligned with us than Canada; but what is important in our Canada relationship is 1. their scale 2. their longevity. It's a big old group. We have a lot to learn from each other.

Reporter: With Alemannia, will you try pursuing the Republic being ungroup-banned, or will you focus war affairs on someone such as the Kerovechs?

Consul: With Alemannia and Kerovech and the others; I don't have any long standing personal feud or drama behind my relationship with these two powers. Neither is more of a focus than the other. What dictates my interest is which Axis group is larger and has more activity, to be honest. At the end of the day, we want to raid these guys. What I want is for us not to be group banned at their places, which Congress will pursue. That said, if we see any genuine neo-nazi content in game from any Axis group, which we think is harmful for our and others players, we will advise them not to play such, and Congress will pursue a policy of not bringing any attention to that group.

Reporter: Alright, I think that's enough questions for now. Thank you for spending your time on this interview.

Entertainment

The Republican Observation

Work on New Station Stalled

Writer: Staff FranzPower

In the days before the revolution, work had begun on remodeling and improving the train station which enables soldiers, civilians, and much needed war material to be brought to the front lines. However, in the aftermath of the revolution, all work has been temporarily halted as the Grand Republic is still in a state of transition and stabilization. It is unknown as to when Grand Marshal KarolusVartorn will unveil his masterwork. However, as everyone anticipates when the new station will open, fighting continues to hold back the German forces threatening Western Europe. Forever Free!

The Adventures of ChromeVartorn Part 2: Sharing Secrets

Artist: Trainee The_gaming101

In the second instalment of the short comic “The Adventures of ChromeVartorn”, Our protagonist opens up about a sensitive topic with Karolus but notices another listener! (He doesn’t seem very happy...)

TGCR Record No. 2 - Longest Duration of an Anti-Nerf Post Before Deletion

Writer: Trainee CodexTestsYT

Who: Sgt. Maj. ErikEdes2010, AC
What: Eighteen (18) Hours and Twenty-Three (23) Minutes
Where: Group Wall of the Grand Western Ascendancy
When: 27th of May, 2021 at 8:41 PM

On the 27th of May, 2021 at 2:18 AM, Erik posted this message on the group wall of the Grand Western Ascendancy:

"The Grand Republic is a continuation of the Grand Western Ascendancy. And you can't take our freedom from us. Honestly I think that the things you are doing Nolan, are very bad and stuff. Alex is a way better leader than you and you will never be as good as him. And you just can't take that your developers left and made a new group themself. The Grand Republic is gonna be a way better than your group and we will always be free. "Forever Free!""

On the 27th of May, 2021 at 8:41 PM, approximately eighteen (18) hours and twenty-three (23) minutes after Erik first posted the message, Nerf deleted the post.

Lasting eighteen (18) hours and twenty-three (23) minutes, Erik has officially set the record for the Longest Duration of an Anti-Nerf Post Before Deletion.